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To amend an Act of the Fifty-fifth year of King George the Third, to provide for the taking an Account of the Population of Ireland, and for ascertaining the Increase or Diminution thereof.

[Note.—The Words printed in *Italics* are proposed to be inserted in the Committee.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the Fifty-fifth year of King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to provide for the taking "an Account of the Population of Ireland, and for the ascertaining "the Increase or Diminution thereof," it is among other things enacted, That Schedules of Instructions for carrying the said Act into execution, and Forms of the several Accounts and Returns required to be made by the said Act, and of the attestations of such Accounts and Returns, and of all other matters and things requisite for the purpose of fully carrying into execution the purposes of the said Act, should be prepared by an Officer to be appointed by the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, under the directions of such Chief Secretary, and that printed copies of such Instructions and Forms should be transmitted and acted upon from time to time for the purposes of the said Act, in manner by the said Act specified and required:

Irish Population Act, 55 Geo. 3, c. 120, (§ 2. authorizing Chief Secretary to order the preparing Forms of Returns, &c.)

And whereas by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for taking an Account of the Population of Great "Britain, and of the Increase or Diminution thereof." and the Schedules annexed

British Population Act of the last Session.



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annexed to the said Act, certain Questions and Answers are authorized to be put to and required from Overseers of the poor in England, and Schoolmasters or other persons in Scotland, for the ascertaining the existing Population in the year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and other matters relating thereto; and to and from Clergymen in England, relating to Baptisms and Burials for certain periods in the said Act and Schedule specified:

Instructions and Forms for obtaining the like information as is required in England by Act of the last Session, may be prepared and used in Ireland in like manner as Instructions authorized by 55 Geo. 3.

And whereas it is expedient that the powers contained in the said recited Act of the fifty-fifth year of King George the Third should be applied and put in execution for the obtaining Returns in Ireland as nearly as possible similar to those required in Great Britain by the said recited Act of the last Session; **Be it therefore Enacted**, by The KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That at any time after the *passing of this Act* it shall and may be lawful for any officer appointed by the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, pursuant to the said recited Act of the fifty-fifth year aforesaid, for such purposes to prepare, under the direction of such Chief Secretary, Schedules of Instructions and Forms of Accounts and Returns for taking an account of the Population of Ireland in the year *One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one*, and for obtaining such other information in and throughout Ireland as is required in Great Britain by the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament, so far as the same or any part thereof can or may be obtained in Ireland; and that printed copies of such Instructions and Forms shall be transmitted by such Officer to the Clerk of the Peace and Town-clerks in every county, county of a city and county of a town in Ireland, to be by them distributed in like manner as by the said Act of the fifty-fifth year aforesaid is required and directed with respect to the Instructions and Forms mentioned in the said Act; and that all such proceedings shall be had and shall take place for taking an Account of such Population, and for obtaining such other information as may be required by such Instructions and Forms as are authorized and required by the said Act of the said fifty-fifth year, with respect to the Instructions and Forms mentioned or referred to by the said Act.

Copies of British Population Act and this Act shall be provided for Chief Secretary's Office.

And be it further Enacted, That so soon as may be deemed convenient after the *passing of this Act*, so many printed copies of this Act, and of the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament for taking an account of the Population of Great Britain, shall be provided for the office of the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin, as shall be required by or on behalf of such Chief Secretary for carrying into effect the purposes of this Act.

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And be it further Enacted, That persons shall be appointed for the purpose of taking the Accounts relating to the existing Population of Ireland, mentioned and specified in any Instructions or Forms authorized by this Act, in like manner as by the said recited Act of the fifty-fifth year aforesaid persons are required to be appointed for the purpose of taking accounts under the said Act, and that such persons shall be called Enumerators; and the said recited Act of the fifty-fifth year aforesaid, and all the powers, regulations, clauses, provisions, penalties, matters and things in the said Act mentioned, relating to the taking accounts by such Enumerators of the number of persons who shall be actually found within the limits of every parish, barony, townland, district, division or place in Ireland, shall be applied and extended to the purposes of this Act, so far as the same are applicable or can be applied to such purposes.

Enumerators shall be appointed to take the Accounts, as under 55 Geo. 3, and the powers of that Act applied to this.

And be it further Enacted, That special sessions of the peace shall be summoned and holden in the several counties and places in Ireland, according to the precept of the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in pursuance of the powers given by the said recited Act of the fifty-fifth year aforesaid, for the naming and appointing such Enumerators or persons in each and every parish, barony, townland, district, division or place, and for making out and transmitting lists of the Enumerators or persons so appointed at such sessions; and every such special sessions shall be holden on some day within *one* calendar month previous to the Easter sessions in the year *One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one*; and after making out and transmitting such lists, such sessions shall be adjourned to some day previous to the *Twentieth day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one*; and at such adjourned sessions, such Enumerators or persons as shall be appointed to take such accounts, shall be directed to begin to take such accounts upon the *Thirtieth day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one*, and to make a return thereof to the said sessions at an adjournment thereof to be appointed for such purpose, and which shall be on some day not sooner than the *Twenty-fifth day of June* nor later than the *Twenty-fifth day of July* in the said year *One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one*; and such Enumerators shall begin to take such accounts accordingly on such *Thirtieth day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one*, and shall proceed therein without delay from day to day (Sundays excepted) until they shall have completed the same, and shall make their returns thereof on the day to which such special sessions shall be adjourned as aforesaid, and shall then there sign and attest the correctness thereof on oath in manner required by the said recited Act of the fifty-fifth year aforesaid; and it shall be lawful for the Magistrates at such special sessions, if they see cause so to do, to examine such Enumerators or other persons upon

Special Sessions for appointing Enumerators shall be appointed previous to Easter Session 1831.

To name Enumerators and adjourn to some day before 20th May 1831.

Enumerators to commence on 30th May 1831, and make a Return between 25th June and 25th July;

and make Return to adjourned Sessions, to be transmitted before 1st August to Chief Secretary, to be therearranged and returned



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to Parliament within Ten months.

upon oath touching any of the matters contained in such Questions, Accounts, Answers and Returns; and such Accounts, Answers and Returns shall be transmitted to the office of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant on or before the *First day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one* by such persons and in such manner as is required with respect to returns under the said recited Act; and such Accounts and Returns so transmitted to the office of such Chief Secretary shall be digested and reduced into order by such officer as such Chief Secretary shall appoint for the purpose; and an Abstract thereof shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within *Ten* calendar months after the said *First day of August*, or if Parliament shall not then be sitting, within the first *Fourteen* days of the Session next ensuing.

Compensation to Enumerators.

And be it further Enacted, That there shall be paid and allowed for the trouble and expense of the several Enumerators or persons employed in taking the accounts and making the returns required by this Act, such reasonable compensation, to be estimated, calculated and paid in such manner as is directed by the said recited Act of the fifty-fifth year of King George the Third with respect to the accounts and returns mentioned in the said Act: Provided always, That it shall not be necessary or requisite that any copies of such accounts shall be made by any clerks of the peace or town clerks, or lodged among the county records, any thing in the said Act of the fifty-fifth year aforesaid to the contrary notwithstanding.

Copies not to be made by Clerks of Peace (see 55 G. 3. c. 120, § 6.)

For obtaining Returns of Births, Marriages and Burials.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in case he shall think fit so to do, to direct the officer appointed or to be appointed for digesting and arranging the several Returns to be made pursuant to this Act, to transmit at any time within *Four* calendar months after the *passing of this Act*, to every rector, vicar, curate, officiating minister and parish priest of or in any and every parish in Ireland, such Schedules, Instructions or Forms as such Chief Secretary shall think necessary or shall approve, for the purpose of obtaining such and the like information as by the said recited Act of the last Session is required to be obtained from or given by clergymen in England with respect to baptisms, marriages and burials, or such part and so much of such information as such Chief Secretary shall think fit to require; and every such rector, vicar, curate, minister or parish priest, having the cutody of any register of births, marriages or burials, which is not copied into the register of a mother church, shall forthwith prepare answers or returns according to the best of his information or knowledge to all questions relative to baptisms, marriages or burials contained in such Schedules, Instructions or Forms; and every such rector, vicar, curate, minister and parish priest respectively, shall, on or before the *Twentieth day of June one thousand*

Form to be sent to Clergy within four months after passing this Act.

Their Returns to be made and returned to the Bishop, &c. by 20th June 1831.

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*thousand eight hundred and thirty-one,* duly transmit such answers or returns to the bishop of the diocese within which such parish shall be situate, or to the clerk of the peace of the county within which such parish shall be situate; and the several bishops and clerks of the peace to whom such answers or returns shall be so transmitted shall, on or before the *Eleventh day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one,* transmit such answers and returns to the archbishops of the respective provinces; and such archbishops shall, on or before the *First day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one,* cause all such answers or returns so received by them to be transmitted to the office of the Chief Secretary of Ireland, in Dublin; and such Chief Secretary shall direct an Abstract of the contents of all such answers and returns to be prepared by such officer as aforesaid, and laid before both Houses of Parliament within *Ten* months after the said *First day of August,* or if Parliament shall not be then sitting, within the first *Fourteen* days of the Session next ensuing.

By the Bishop, &c. to the Archbishop, by 11th July 1831.

By the Archbishops to the Chief Secretary by 1st August 1831.

Abstract and Return to Parliament in Ten months after.

And be it further Enacted, That the several rules, regulations, penalties and forfeitures contained and expressed in the said recited Act of the fifty-fifth year aforesaid, shall be applied and put in force for the execution of this Act; and all such rules, regulations, penalties, forfeitures, and all directions relating thereto, are hereby extended to the execution of this Act as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in this Act, except only so far as the same are repealed by an Act made in the third year of his late Majesty King George the Fourth, or as the same are expressly altered or provided for by this Act.

Regulations and Penalties under 55 G. 3, c. 120, extended to this Act, except as repealed by 3 G. 4, c. 5.

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*Ordered, by* The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
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